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Portage Wis.

Feb 3rd /88

Dear brother John

Your kind
letter and beautiful cards
reached us safely and were
fully appreciated, with my
California poppies brought
with them the remembrance
of our first ride with you
from Martinez to the home
among the hills when the
first flowers I remember of
seeing were masses of those
same golden blossoms growing
wild. There are many pleasant
associations connected with
these little flowers, we had so
many of them growing at our
first home. Mountain Lake,
and the children enjoyed

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them so much. The old house, where we, as an unbroken family spent so many of our first years in this country, and afterwards David and I with our band of little folks made our home so long, of all this, for us, there are only memories left. Another of the old neighbors has passed away, Mrs McRath, died this winter after a short illness. she went about as usual until about a week before her death, she was eighty four years old. what a surprisingly long life, for such a feeble looking woman.

We were very glad to know that your health is improving, even under such a weight of work as you are carrying along.

Since writing the above the sad intelligence has reached us of the death of Joanna's little boy. Alas! how much of sorrow there is in this world, and each have their share. Walter and Joanna will feel as if their cup was full. my heart aches for them both. How many hopes would be built up in him even in the few days he was with them. poor little J -

We are all pretty well here. Mother has been rather under the weather for more than a week but is feeling better again. It is always trying for her to be obliged to stay in the house, and we have had so much severe cold, and snow that she has not been able to take her usual

walks, it seems ^{C43} as if all the
rain that was withheld in
the summer has been coming
down in snow this winter.
But perhaps we will have
pleasant weather soon.
My own health has been better
for some time, so that I can
get about my work more
comfortably. The girls were
home for a little while last
week. Their winter schools will
close in five or six weeks when
they will be home for a little
while again... David's folks
are all well. I hope your own
health will keep improving,
that must be a large volume
you are engaged in writing.
Give my love to Louie, tell her I
will write to her some day.

With love to all. I am as ever
Your Affectionate Sister
Sarah.

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